

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this patent application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments, and the following remarks. Claims 1 and 4-10 are under consideration. Claims 2 and 3 have been canceled. Claims 11-20 have been withdrawn from consideration. Claims 1, 4, 6 and 8-10 have been amended. No new matter has been added.

Applicant confirms the election of group 1, claims 1-10 for further prosecution. Claims 11-20 have been withdrawn from consideration.

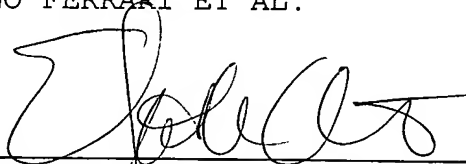
The Examiner rejected claim 9 under 35 USC §112 for lack of antecedent basis. Claim 9 depends from amended claim 1, which now includes the elements of claim 3. Therefore, proper antecedent basis now exists for "said front outlet". The term "fluid" has been deleted from that phrase for consistency.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-2 under 35 USC §102 as being anticipated by Benjamin et al. The Examiner stated that claims 3-10 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Applicant has amended claim 1 to include the elements of claims 2 and 3, now canceled. Claims 4, 6, and 8-10 have been amended to depend from amended claim 1. Applicant submits that amended claims 1 and 4-10 are patentable over the cited references. Early allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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